

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for providing a supplier interface, comprising:
 - 2 a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the
 - 3 data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 - 4 b) aggregating the data in a database;
 - 5 c) receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier
 - 6 parameters;
 - 7 d) extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in
 - 8 response to the request;
 - 9 e) transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the
 - 10 network; and
 - 11 f) adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on
 - 12 the information.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of
- 2 the required goods.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-
- 2 based interface.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the stores include restaurants.
- 1 6. A system for providing a supplier interface, comprising:
 - 2 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
 - 3 network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;

- 4 b) logic for aggregating the data in a database;
- 5 c) logic for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of
- 6 supplier parameters;
- 7 d) logic for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier
- 8 parameters in response to the request;
- 9 e) logic for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing
- 10 the network; and
- 11 f) logic for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced
- 12 based on the information.

1 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of
2 the required goods.

1 8. The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 9. The system of claim 6, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-
2 based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 6, wherein the stores include restaurants.

1 11. A computer program product for providing a supplier interface, comprising:
2 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
3 utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
4 b) computer code for aggregating the data in a database;
5 c) computer code for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a
6 plurality of supplier parameters;
7 d) computer code for extracting information from the database relevant to the
8 supplier parameters in response to the request;
9 e) computer code for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier
10 utilizing the network; and

11 f) computer code for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are
12 produced based on the information.

1 12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the parameters relate to a
2 forecasted amount of the required goods.

1 13. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the information is displayed
2 utilizing a network-based interface.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the stores include
2 restaurants.